

California Office of Historic Preservation

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The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 turns fifty years old this year. Click on the image above or visit www.preservation50.org to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in the year-long celebration!

Civil Rights Grants Now Available

The National Park Service (NPS) is now accepting grant applications for the [African American Civil Rights Grant Program](#).



The grants will be awarded to projects that seek to preserve sites and stories associated with African American civil rights efforts during the twentieth century. Funded by the Historic Preservation Fund, the African American Civil Rights Grant Program is part of ongoing efforts to preserve and tell a more complete history of America. State

The mission of the Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission is to provide leadership and promote the preservation of California's irreplaceable and diverse cultural heritage.



State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC)

The Commission meets at least four times per year to give citizens an opportunity to participate in public hearings regarding the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.

Remaining 2016 Meetings:

October 28 - Redlands

For meeting and general information, please visit the [SHRC webpage](#).



The National Park System (NPS) marks its 100th anniversary in 2016. Visit the [NPS Centennial](#)

and local governments, federally recognized tribes, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiian organizations, and non-profits are encouraged to apply.

The **application deadline is October 14, 2016.** Visit the [Civil Rights Grants](#) webpage for further information about the grant program and application process.

Image: [Edmund Pettus Bridge, Selma, Alabama](#), site of one of the pivotal events in the struggle for civil rights. Courtesy of Carol Highsmith Collection, Library of Congress.

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Picture of Success!

This month's ePost banner image is of the Royal Presidio Chapel in Monterey, California, and is one of the historic resources spotlighted in our photo campaign, "[Picture of Success: Fifty Years of the National Historic Preservation Act in California.](#)"

Designed in 1792, the [Royal Presidio Chapel](#), now part of [Monterey State Historic Park](#), is the sole existing structure of the original Spanish-era Presidio of Monterey. This National and California Historical Landmark



building is California's oldest stone building and longest continually operating church on its original site. Painstaking restoration and rehabilitation of the chapel has been ongoing since 1992. (Text and banner photo contributed by [Page and Turnbull](#); photo of interior, courtesy of Carol Highsmith Collection, Library of Congress)

Do you have a preservation success story? Share it as part of our "Picture of Success" campaign! Success stories and photos are posted to our [Facebook](#) page and some also are featured here in our monthly ePosts.

website to learn more about "America's Best Idea" and how you can participate in the centenary commemoration.

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National Photography Contest



In addition to our California-specific "Picture of Success" photo campaign, consider submitting your preservation photos in a national contest as well. In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, [Preservation50](#) is holding a nationwide photography contest.

Photographs can be submitted for five categories (1 entry per category):

Inspiring Place
Endangered Place
Underrepresented Place
Cultural Landscape

The top five photographs in each category will be featured on the Preservation50 website and promoted by partner organizations. Visit the [National Photography Contest](#) webpage for details and submission instructions. **The submission deadline is October 1, 2016.**

Image: [Joss House](#)--the "Temple of the Forest Beneath the Clouds"--at [Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park](#), Weaverville, California, is the oldest continuously used Chinese temple in the state. (photo courtesy of California State Parks)

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California Properties Added to the National Register

Four California properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as of August 26, 2016:

Big Creek Hydroelectric System Historic District,
Fresno County

John Muir Memorial Shelter, Kings Canyon National Park, Fresno County

Harrison Lyons Homestead Historic District (location restricted), San Benito County

Providence Townsite, San Bernardino County

To see previous and current listings on the National Register, visit the [NRHP Weekly List](#) webpage.

National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15

Explore and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Latino Americans. Visit our [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) webpage for background on this month long observance, and for links to events taking place nationally, statewide, and locally. Is your community hosting Hispanic Heritage events? Let us know and we'll post it to our page! Contact Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator at 916-445-7026, or diane.barclay@parks.ca.gov.

Also, visit our [Preserve Latino History](#) page to learn how you can help to preserve sites associated with California's Latino heritage.

Section 304 Guidance Available from the ACHP

A "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" guidance document about Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act is now available from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). The document answers questions and provides guidance about the use of Section 304 to protect sensitive information about historic properties.

Got Heritage? Celebrate it!

Preserve America communities are nationally recognized for their commitment to historic

preservation and the preservation and promotion of their own unique heritage. If you know of a community deserving of such recognition, Preserve America would like to hear from you! Information and applications can be found on the [Preserve America](#) website. [Click here](#) to see a list of the more than 900 communities already designated.

For those communities already designated, Preserve America is in the process of updating their database of information about each community. Please contact [Judy Rodenstein](#) to make sure your current contact and city government information is on file.

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Events and Education

California Preservation Foundation Workshop

September 9: [CEQA and Historic Resources: A Legal Introduction - Los Angeles](#)

You also may [register for the Live Broadcast](#) of this workshop.

NPS Historic Tax Credit Webinar

The National Park Service is hosting a historic tax credit webinar geared toward first-time applicants.

September 15: [Applying for the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit - Introductory Level](#)

ACRA Annual Conference, September 15-18

The [American Cultural Resources Association \(ACRA\)](#) is hosting their [annual conference](#) in Palm Springs, September 15-18, 2016. This year's theme: "From Midcentury to Modern: 50 Years of CRM." ACRA is the national trade association supporting and promoting cultural resource management firms and historic preservation.

Native American Day at the State Capitol

The 49th annual [Native American Day](#) will be

celebrated Friday, September 23, 2016, on the grounds of the State Capitol in Sacramento. Native American Day is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Friday in September, and is a chance to learn about the history, crafts, food, dances, and traditions of California's tribal cultures.

Events also will take place on the campus of [California State University San Bernardino](#), from 6-9 p.m., September 23, 2016, and are open to the public.

CPF Awards Presentation, September 29

On the evening of September 29, 2016, the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) will award their 2016 Preservation Design Awards. The annual awards recognize exemplary work in the field of historic preservation. Visit the CPF website for [ticket information and a list of this year's awardees](#).

SCA Data Meetings Set

The [Society for California Archaeology \(SCA\)](#) has set the dates for their annual Data Sharing Meetings. The meetings provide an opportunity for professionals, students, and the public to share and learn about the latest research and information from the field of archaeology.

October 1: [Northern Data Sharing Meeting](#),
Amador County Fairgrounds

October 29: [Southern Data Sharing Meeting](#),
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Save the Dates!

The OHP will be presenting two more local government workshops in 2016, hosted by the cities of **Napa on October 21**, and **Fresno on November 4**. These free workshops cover a variety of preservation related topics and are open to local government staff, planners, commission members, and others interested in preserving the historic and cultural resources of their community. Visit our [Preservation Education Workshops](#) webpage for information and to register.

Registration is now open for the [National Trust for Historic Preservation \(NTHP\)](#) annual [PastForward Conference](#) to be held in Houston, November 15-18, 2016. This year's conference will look at the first fifty years of the National Historic Preservation Act and consider the challenges as the Act and preservation head into the next half-century.

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